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Breaking News

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Congress passes act to support relief efforts

In unanimous, bipartisan votes in the House of Representatives today, Rep. Mike Honda, D-San Jose, joined other legislators in supporting a package of legislation to assist the families of victims of this week's tragic events.

The package includes measures to help families of fallen public safety officers and initiatives to promote patriotism in the wake of the terrorism waged on our nation.

It would also reduce the estate tax liability for all the families of those who died in Tuesday's terrorist attacks and would exempt the victim's family from any personal income tax liability for a lost family member.

Mr. Honda, along with other congressmen and staff, today donated blood in the Capitol and has urged others to do the same. In addition to pushing for financial initiatives and donating blood, he successfully supported a resolution encouraging Americans to demonstrate their unity for the nation by flying the American flag at homes, businesses, schools, and places of worship for the next thirty days.

Congress will next consider an emergency relief package that may exceed \$20 billion to bolster the relief effort and help to rebuild the Pentagon.



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